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2. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH THE UNIVERSITY AREA IN BEIJING REMAINED CALM AND NO TROOPS WERE EVIDENT THROUGH THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5, THE EMBASSY ORGANIZED A PRECAUTIONARY EVACUATION OF AMERICAN STUDENTS OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY AREA. THE ATMOSPHERE

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REMAINED TENSE AS CONVOYS OF TANKS AND TROOPS
CONTINUED TO ENTER THE CITY. MILITARY VEHICLES
CONTINUED TO BE OBSERVED ON FIRE AT VARIOUS
LOCATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING BUT STILL
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF INTERFACTIONAL FIGHTING AMONG
PLA UNITS. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD ABOUT BUT BEEN UNABLE
TO CONFIRM A REPORTED CURFEW, BUT JUST BEFORE 1900
HOURS LOCAL BEIJING TV WAS BROADCASTING INSTRUCTIONS
TO CITY RESIDENTS ORDERING THEM TO STAY IN THEIR
HOMES. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN RUMORED BUT UNCONFIRMED
PLANS TO EVACUATE THE BEIJING HOTEL AND THE NOBLE
TOWER OFFICE BUILDING. FLIGHTS AT BEIJING AIRPORT
MAY HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED, BUT WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS
REPORT. CONGENS SHENYANG AND SHANGHAI HAVE NOT
REPORTED ANY VIOLENCE, AND XIAN IS APPARENTLY NOT
FULLY AWARE OF EVENTS IN BEIJING. THE CHINESE RED
CROSS REPORTED THAT 2600 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AS A
RESULT OF THE RECENT VIOLENCE AFTER BEING ADMITTED
TO BEIJING HOSPITALS; I.E., THIS FIGURE EXCLUDES
THOSE WHO DIED BEFORE BEING HOSPITALIZED. RUMORS
CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BURNING
BODIES TO KEEP THE CASUALTY FIGURES LOW. END
SUMMARY.

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THE UNIVERSITIES

3. U.S. CITIZENS AT BEIJING UNIVERSITY (BEIDA)
REPORTED AT 0545 AND 0725 HOURS LOCAL ON JUNE 5 THAT
THE BEIDA CAMPUS REMAINED CALM THROUGHOUT THE
NIGHT. NO TROOPS ENTERED THE CAMPUS. ONE OF THE
AMERICANS REPORTED THAT THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4
TROOPS USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE A CROWD OF
DEMONSTRATORS AT THE BEIDA MAIN GATE. STUDENTS AT
VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES PHONED THE EMBASSY DURING THE
NIGHT TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT AN ANTICIPATED MOVE
BY TROOPS ONTO THE CAMPUSES. ACCORDING TO ONE
CALLER, ALL FOREIGN STUDENTS AT THE BEIJING LANGUAGE
INSTITUTE WERE TOGETHER AT ONE DORMITORY.

4. AS OF 1145 EMBOFFS HAD NOT SEEN ANY TANKS OR
TROOPS IN THE UNIVERSITY AREA IN NORTHWEST BEIJING,
INCLUDING AT BEIDA, QINGHUA, RENDA, SHIFAN, AND
SHIFAN WAI UNIVERSITIES. UNIVERSITY GUARDS WERE
POSTED AT ALL CAMPUS ENTRANCES AND THE SITUATION WAS
GENERALLY VERY QUIET. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF
LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED,
ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS COULD HAVE OCCURRED.
EMBOFF ALSO REPORTED THAT AS OF 1230 NO TROOPS WERE
IN SIGHT AT THE RENDA AND QINGHUA UNIVERSITY

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CAMPUSES. ACCORDING TO A RUMOR AT BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY, WHERE STUDENTS HAD SUPPOSEDLY OBTAINED 40 RIFLES, THE PLA HAD GIVEN THE UNIVERSITY A MIDNIGHT JUNE 6 ULTIMATUM TO GET THE RIFLES BACK, OR ELSE. WE RECEIVED REPORTS THROUGHOUT THE MORNING THAT OTHER EMBASSIES WERE PLANNING TO EVACUATE THEIR STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES.

EVACUATION OF U.S. STUDENTS

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5. THE EMBASSY ARRANGED A CONVOY OF 14 VANS DRIVEN BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO EVACUATE AMERICAN STUDENTS FROM THEIR UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. THE CONVOY DEPARTED AT 1715 HOURS LOCAL. THE STUDENTS WILL BE RELOCATED TO A HOTEL NEAR THE EMBASSY, BUT THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN EXPENSES. THE CONVOY WILL LEAVE NOTICES ON THE CAMPUSES WITH A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER FOR THOSE AMERICANS WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE PICK-UP. THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE DENIED A DAO REQUEST FOR A MILITARY ESCORT AND REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ADCM CALLED MFA AT 1500 TO REMIND CHINESE GOVERNMENT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF U.S. CITIZENS. THE MFA PROMISE TO GET BACK WITH AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS/INCIDENTS

6. TROOPS AND TANK MOVEMENTS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND INTO THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5. A HEAVY RAIN DURING THE NIGHT APPEARED TO HAVE COOLED OFF THE SITUATION SOMEWHAT, BUT SPORADIC GUNFIRE COULD BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AT AROUND 0200 HOURS LOCAL, A LONG CONVOY, INCLUDING 57 TANKS, 6 APCS AND 3 OTHER MILITARY VEHICLES, WAS OBSERVED HEADING WEST PAST THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND TOWARD TIANANMEN SQUARE. AT 0300 HOURS, MORE THAN 40 TROOPS TRUCKS WERE SEEN ENTERING THE AREA OF THE SQUARE FROM THE SOUTH. IN ALL, SOME 150 TO 200 VEHICLES WERE VISIBLE IN THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE SQUARE. AS OF 0400 HOURS ANOTHER 20 TANKS HAD PASSED JIANGUOMENWAI HEADING TOWARD TIANANMEN. AS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF 1900, SPORADIC GUNFIRE CONTINUES IN THE CITY, INCLUDING IN AREAS CLOSE TO THE EMBASSY.

7. AROUND NOON SOME FORTY TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED HEADING NORTH ON THE STREET WHICH PASSES THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SHOOTING WAS HEARD COMING FROM MILITARY TRUCKS ON THE SECOND RING ROAD TO THE EAST. AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL SOME 50-60 MILITARY TRUCKS WERE SEEN HEADING WEST ON GUANGHUA LU (ONE BLOCK NORTH OF THE EMBASSY) AND THEN SOUTH ON THE SECOND RING ROAD. AROUND THE SAME TIME SPORADIC ROUNDS WERE HEARD BEING FIRED IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY. AT 1312 AN AMERICAN AT THE BEIJING HOTEL OBSERVED A MAJOR CONVOY OF VEHICLES ENTERING TIANANMEN SQUARE, INCLUDING 75 TROOP CARRIERS (WITH 24 SOLDIERS IN

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EACH), 4 COMMAND CARS, 4 COMMO TRUCKS, 2 TANKER TRUCKS, 4 MOBILE KITCHENS AND ONE MOBILE TOILET. A LARGE QUANTITY OF FOOD AND CLOTHING WAS ALSO OBSERVED ABOARD THE TRUCKS.

8. ONE POSSIBLE, AT LEAST PARTIAL, EXPLANATION FOR THE CONTINUING ARRIVAL OF MILITARY VEHICLES IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN BURNED. A RELIABLE JOURNALIST TOLD EMBOFF ON JUNE 5 THAT HE HAD COUNTED THE PREVIOUS DAY THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS OF BURNED MILITARY VEHICLES NEAR THE MILITARY MUSEUM: 38 APCs, 18 TROOP CARRIERS, 11 JEEPS, 5 VANS, AND ONE MOTORCYCLE. AT 1325 HOURS LOCAL ON JUNE 5, TWO CANVAS TRUCKS WERE SEEN BURNING NEAR THE JINGLUN HOTEL. AT 1340, A BUS WAS SEEN ON FIRE IN FRONT OF THE CITIC BUILDING. AT 1430 TWO VEHICLES ON THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS AND FIVE BELOW IT WERE REPORTED TO BE ON FIRE.

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9. ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE NEW MILITARY VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL IS TO REPLACE UNITS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTING IN AN UNDISCIPLINED MANNER. THE BRITISH DCM TOLD US THAT A MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OFFICIAL VOLUNTEERED THE COMMENT TO A BRITISH OFFICER THAT MANY OF THE UNITS NOW OPERATING IN THE CITY ARE "OUT OF CONTROL".

RUMORED PLA INTERFACTIONAL FIGHTING

10. DAO HAS RECEIVED AN INCREASING NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT INTERFACTIONAL FIGHTING MAY HAVE BROKEN OUT AMONG THE VARIOUS PLA UNITS IN BEIJING. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, THERE HAS BEEN FIGHTING AMONG PLA UNITS IN THE VICINITY OF THE MINZU HOTEL ON JUNE 5. THE 27TH ARMY UNIT FROM SHENYANG, WHICH ATTACKED AND NOW OCCUPIES TIANANMEN SQUARE, IS A PARTICULARLY ELITE UNIT. IT APPEARS TO HAVE MOST OF THE AMMUNITION AND TO BE IN CONTROL.

CURFEW RUMORED

11. ACCORDING TO CHINESE EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE A 1600 HOURS LOCAL CURFEW AND THAT ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE OFF THE STREETS BY THEN. NEITHER THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE NOR THE MFA HAS CONFIRMED THE CURFEW BUT THE EMPLOYEES LEFT THE EMBASSY EARLY. AS

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OF 1900 HOURS LOCAL, BEIJING TV WAS BROADCASTING
INSTRUCTIONS TO CITY RESIDENTS TO STAY IN THEIR

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12. ACCORDING TO AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT, HE WAS TOLD BY BEIJING HOTEL TELEPHONE OPERATORS THAT TROOPS WOULD ENTER THE HOTEL THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 TO EVACUATE ALL GUESTS. THEY CITED THE HOTEL'S CLOSE PROXIMITY TO TIANANMEN SQUARE AS THE REASON FOR THE EVACUATION. EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY PHONED THE BEIJING HOTEL MANAGEMENT WHO DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AN EVACUATION.

13. DAO ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 THAT THE JOINT VENTURE NOBLE TOWER OFFICE BUILDING IN THE JIANGUOMENWAI AREA WILL BE EVACUATED TO ACCOMMODATE TROOPS. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS RUMOR.

14. THE UN IS ROUNDING UP ALL OF ITS VARIOUS AGENCY PERSONNEL JUNE 5 AND WILL RELOCATE THEM IN THE KUNLUN HOTEL.

U.S. CITIZEN ORDERED TO LEAVE CHINA

15. A U.S. TEACHER AT THE BEIDA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 5 THAT WHEN HE RETURNED FROM TIANANMEN SQUARE THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 3, THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AT THE HOSTEL WHERE HE WAS STAYING TOLD HIM THAT THE POLICE HAD ADVISED THEM THAT HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWED FOR TWO WEEKS AND WAS A SUSPECTED SPY. HE WAS TOLD TO LEAVE BEIDA BY MIDNIGHT. HE MOVED TO A HOTEL IN BEIJING AND WAS PREPARING TO DEPART CHINA JUNE 5. THE TEACHER REPORTED THAT SOME 60 FOREIGN STUDENTS AT HIS SCHOOL HAD MOVED INTO THE SCHOOL'S CANTEEN AND WERE PREPARED TO STAY THERE UNTIL THE SITUATION HAD CLARIFIED.

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16. THE TEACHER ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD WITNESSED A SOLDIER BURNED ALIVE AT CHONGWENMEN ON JUNE 4. EMBOFF SAW THIS SAME BURNED BODY HANGING FROM AN OVERPASS AT 1700 ON JUNE 4. THE SOLDIER HAD FIRED RANDOMLY INTO A CROWD, ACCORDING TO THE TEACHER. COMMENTING ON THIS SAME INCIDENT, POLOFF'S MAID REPORTED THAT THE CROWD WAS ESPECIALLY INCENSED THAT AN OLD WOMAN AND CHILDREN WERE AMONG THE SOLDIER'S VICTIMS.

AIRPORT SITUATION

17. ABC NEWS INFORMED CONOFF THAT ALL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS IN AND OUT OF BEIJING WERE CANCELLED JUNE 5 AND THAT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WOULD BE CANCELLED JUNE 6. ANOTHER REPORT FROM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AT THE HOLIDAY INN LIDO HOTEL AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE WAS THAT AS OF APPROXIMATELY 1830 ALL DOMESTIC

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FLIGHTS HAD BEEN CANCELLED, ALL INCOMING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS HAD BEEN CANCELLED, BUT THAT OUTGOING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WERE TO LEAVE AS SCHEDULED, REPEAT OUTGOING FLIGHTS TO LEAVE AS SCHEDULED. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT THE AIRPORT, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH SO FAR. A UNITED FLIGHT FOR JUNE 5 WAS CANCELLED. IT MAY BE RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6 AM. UNITED WILL CALL US LATER. THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT REMAINED OPEN AS OF 1435 HOURS LOCAL.

REPORTS FROM CONSULATES AND XIAN

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18. CONGEN SHANGHAI REPORTED BY PHONE THAT ALL MAJOR INTERSECTIONS IN SHANGHAI ARE BARRICADED JUNE 5. ONLY A FEW PEOPLE ARE MAKING IT TO WORK. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ONLY A LIGHT SECURITY PRESENCE EVIDENT.

19. CONGEN SHENYANG REPORTED THAT CONGEN PERSONNEL WERE ADVISED JUNE 5 TO AVOID SPECIFIC AREAS IN THE CITY BECAUSE OF "DISRUPTIONS."

20. AN EXPERIENCED U.S. NATIONAL LEADING A TOUR GROUP IN XIAN ON JUNE 5 REPORTED A SMALL DEMONSTRATION THE PREVIOUS DAY WITHIN THE CITY WALLS. XIAN RESIDENTS DID NOT, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BE AWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN BEIJING.

A CASUALTY ESTIMATE

21. ABC NEWS ON JUNE 5 CITED THE CHINESE RED CROSS AS ESTIMATING THAT 2600 PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE FIGHTING. THIS FIGURE ONLY INCLUDED THOSE WHO DIED AFTER BEING HOSPITALIZED. THIS IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ESTIMATE BY EMBOFFS WHO VISITED BEIJING HOSPITALS ON JUNE 4 IN AREAS WHERE FIGHTING HAD BEEN HEAVY. THEY HAD SPECULATED THAT AT MOST SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE FIGHTING. SPECIFICS REMAIN, HOWEVER, DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. RUMORS CONTINUE TO SURFACE TO THE EFFECT THAT CORPSES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY AND BURNED TO KEEP THE CASUALTY FIGURES LOW. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS.

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REMAINED TENSE AS CONVOYS OF TANKS AND TROOPS CONTINUED TO ENTER THE CITY. MILITARY VEHICLES CONTINUED TO BE OBSERVED ON FIRE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING BUT STILL UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF INTERFACTIONAL FIGHTING AMONG PLA UNITS. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD ABOUT BUT BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM A REPORTED CURFEW, BUT JUST BEFORE 1900 HOURS LOCAL BEIJING TV WAS BROADCASTING INSTRUCTIONS TO CITY RESIDENTS ORDERING THEM TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN RUMORED BUT UNCONFIRMED PLANS TO EVACUATE THE BEIJING HOTEL AND THE NOBLE TOWER OFFICE BUILDING. FLIGHTS AT BEIJING AIRPORT MAY HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED, BUT WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS REPORT. CONGENS SHENYANG AND SHANGHAI HAVE NOT REPORTED ANY VIOLENCE, AND XIAN IS APPARENTLY NOT FULLY AWARE OF EVENTS IN BEIJING. THE CHINESE RED CROSS REPORTED THAT 2600 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT VIOLENCE AFTER BEING ADMITTED TO BEIJING HOSPITALS; I.E., THIS FIGURE EXCLUDES THOSE WHO DIED BEFORE BEING HOSPITALIZED. RUMORS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BURNING BODIES TO KEEP THE CASUALTY FIGURES LOW. END SUMMARY.

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THE UNIVERSITIES

3. U.S. CITIZENS AT BEIJING UNIVERSITY (BEIDA) REPORTED AT 0545 AND 0725 HOURS LOCAL ON JUNE 5 THAT THE BEIDA CAMPUS REMAINED CALM THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. NO TROOPS ENTERED THE CAMPUS. ONE OF THE AMERICANS REPORTED THAT THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4 TROOPS USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE A CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS AT THE BEIDA MAIN GATE. STUDENTS AT VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES PHONED THE EMBASSY DURING THE NIGHT TO EXPRESS CONCERNS ABOUT AN ANTICIPATED MOVE BY TROOPS ONTO THE CAMPUSES. ACCORDING TO ONE CALLER, ALL FOREIGN STUDENTS AT THE BEIJING LANGUAGE INSTITUTE WERE TOGETHER AT ONE DORMITORY.

4. AS OF 1145 EMBOFFS HAD NOT SEEN ANY TANKS OR TROOPS IN THE UNIVERSITY AREA IN NORTHWEST BEIJING, INCLUDING AT BEIDA, QINGHUA, RENDA, SHIFAN, AND SHIFAN WAI UNIVERSITIES. UNIVERSITY GUARDS WERE POSTED AT ALL CAMPUS ENTRANCES AND THE SITUATION WAS GENERALLY VERY QUIET. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS COULD HAVE OCCURRED. EMBOFF ALSO REPORTED THAT AS OF 1230 NO TROOPS WERE IN SIGHT AT THE RENDA AND QINGHUA UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. ACCORDING TO A RUMOR AT BEIJING NORMAL

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UNIVERSITY, WHERE STUDENTS HAD SUPPOSEDLY OBTAINED 40 RIFLES, THE PLA HAD GIVEN THE UNIVERSITY A MIDNIGHT JUNE 6 ULTIMATUM TO GET THE RIFLES BACK, OR ELSE. WE RECEIVED REPORTS THROUGHOUT THE MORNING THAT OTHER EMBASSIES WERE PLANNING TO EVACUATE THEIR STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES.

EVACUATION OF U.S. STUDENTS

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5. THE EMBASSY ARRANGED A CONVOY OF 14 VANS DRIVEN BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO EVACUATE AMERICAN STUDENTS FROM THEIR UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. THE CONVOY DEPARTED AT 1715 HOURS LOCAL. THE STUDENTS WILL BE RELOCATED TO A HOTEL NEAR THE EMBASSY, BUT THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN EXPENSES. THE CONVOY WILL LEAVE NOTICES ON THE CAMPUSES WITH A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER FOR THOSE AMERICANS WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE

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PICK-UP. THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE DENIED A DAO REQUEST FOR A MILITARY ESCORT AND REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ADCM CALLED MFA AT 1500 TO REMIND CHINESE GOVERNMENT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF U.S. CITIZENS. THE MFA PROMISE TO GET BACK WITH AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS/INCIDENTS

6. TROOPS AND TANK MOVEMENTS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND INTO THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5. A HEAVY RAIN DURING THE NIGHT APPEARED TO HAVE COOLED OFF THE SITUATION SOMEWHAT, BUT SPORADIC GUNFIRE COULD BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AT AROUND 0200 HOURS LOCAL, A LONG CONVOY, INCLUDING 57 TANKS, 6 APCS AND 3 OTHER MILITARY VEHICLES, WAS OBSERVED HEADING WEST PAST THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND TOWARD TIANANMEN SQUARE. AT 0300 HOURS, MORE THAN 40 TROOPS TRUCKS WERE SEEN ENTERING THE AREA OF THE SQUARE FROM THE SOUTH. IN ALL, SOME 150 TO 200 VEHICLES WERE VISIBLE IN THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE SQUARE. AS OF 0400 HOURS ANOTHER 20 TANKS HAD PASSED JIANGUOMENWAI HEADING TOWARD TIANANMEN. AS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF 1900, SPORADIC GUNFIRE CONTINUES IN THE CITY, INCLUDING IN AREAS CLOSE TO THE EMBASSY.

7. AROUND NOON SOME FORTY TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED HEADING NORTH ON THE STREET WHICH PASSES THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SHOOTING WAS HEARD COMING FROM MILITARY TRUCKS ON THE SECOND RING ROAD TO THE EAST. AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL SOME 50-60 MILITARY TRUCKS WERE SEEN HEADING WEST ON GUANGHUA LU (ONE BLOCK NORTH OF THE EMBASSY) AND THEN SOUTH ON THE SECOND RING ROAD. AROUND THE SAME TIME SPORADIC ROUNDS WERE HEARD BEING FIRED IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY. AT 1312 AN AMERICAN AT THE BEIJING HOTEL OBSERVED A MAJOR CONVOY OF VEHICLES ENTERING TIANANMEN SQUARE, INCLUDING 75 TROOP CARRIERS (WITH 24 SOLDIERS IN EACH), 4 COMMAND CARS, 4 COMMO TRUCKS, 2 TANKER TRUCKS, 4 MOBILE KITCHENS AND ONE MOBILE TOILET. A LARGE QUANTITY OF FOOD AND CLOTHING WAS ALSO OBSERVED ABOARD THE TRUCKS.

8. ONE POSSIBLE, AT LEAST PARTIAL, EXPLANATION FOR THE CONTINUING ARRIVAL OF MILITARY VEHICLES IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN BURNED. A RELIABLE JOURNALIST TOLD EMBOFF ON JUNE 5 THAT HE HAD COUNTED THE PREVIOUS DAY THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS

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OF BURNED MILITARY VEHICLES NEAR THE MILITARY MUSEUM: 38 APCs, 18 TROOP CARRIERS, 11 JEEPS, 5 VANS, AND ONE MOTORCYCLE. AT 1325 HOURS LOCAL ON JUNE 5, TWO CANVAS TRUCKS WERE SEEN BURNING NEAR THE JINGLUN HOTEL. AT 1340, A BUS WAS SEEN ON FIRE IN FRONT OF THE CITIC BUILDING. AT 1430 TWO VEHICLES ON THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS AND FIVE BELOW IT WERE REPORTED TO BE ON FIRE.

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9. ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE NEW
MILITARY VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL IS TO REPLACE UNITS
WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTING IN AN UNDISCIPLINED MANNER.

[REDACTED] TOLD US THAT A MINISTRY OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE OFFICIAL VOLUNTEERED THE COMMENT TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT MANY OF THE UNITS NOW OPERATING
IN THE CITY ARE "OUT OF CONTROL".

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RUMORED PLA INTERFACTIONAL FIGHTING

10. DAO HAS RECEIVED AN INCREASING NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT INTERFACTIONAL FIGHTING MAY HAVE BROKEN OUT AMONG THE VARIOUS PLA UNITS IN BEIJING. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, THERE HAS BEEN FIGHTING AMONG PLA UNITS IN THE VICINITY OF THE MINZU HOTEL ON JUNE 5. THE 27TH ARMY UNIT FROM SHENYANG, WHICH ATTACKED AND NOW OCCUPIES TIANANMEN SQUARE, IS A PARTICULARLY ELITE UNIT. IT APPEARS TO HAVE MOST OF THE AMMUNITION AND TO BE IN CONTROL.

CURFEW RUMORED

11. ACCORD(ING TO CHINESE EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE A 1600 HOURS LOCAL CURFEW AND THAT ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE OFF THE STREETS BY THEN. NEITHER THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE NOR THE MFA HAS CONFIRMED THE CURFEW BUT THE EMPLOYEES LEFT THE EMBASSY EARLY. AS OF 1900 HOURS LOCAL, BEIJING TV WAS BROADCASTING INSTRUCTIONS TO CITY RESIDENTS TO STAY IN THEIR

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12. ACCORDING TO AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT, HE WAS TOLD BY BEIJING HOTEL TELEPHONE OPERATORS THAT TROOPS WOULD ENTER THE HOTEL THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 TO EVACUATE ALL GUESTS. THEY CITED THE HOTEL'S CLOSE PROXIMITY TO TIANANMEN SQUARE AS THE REASON FOR THE EVACUATION. EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY PHONED THE BEIJING HOTEL MANAGEMENT WHO DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AN EVACUATION.

13. DAO ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 THAT THE JOINT VENTURE NOBLE TOWER OFFICE BUILDING IN THE JIANGUOMENWAI AREA WILL BE EVACUATED TO ACCOMMODATE TROOPS. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS RUMOR.

14. THE UN IS ROUNDING UP ALL OF ITS VARIOUS AGENCY PERSONNEL JUNE 5 AND WILL RELOCATE THEM IN THE KUNLUN HOTEL.

U.S. CITIZEN ORDERED TO LEAVE CHINA

15. A U.S. TEACHER AT THE BEIDA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 5 THAT WHEN HE RETURNED FROM TIANANMEN SQUARE THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 3, THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AT THE HOSTEL WHERE HE

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WAS STAYING TOLD HIM THAT THE POLICE HAD ADVISED THEM THAT HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWED FOR TWO WEEKS AND WAS A SUSPECTED SPY. HE WAS TOLD TO LEAVE BEIDA BY MIDNIGHT. HE MOVED TO A HOTEL IN BEIJING AND WAS PREPARING TO DEPART CHINA JUNE 5. THE TEACHER REPORTED THAT SOME 60 FOREIGN STUDENTS AT HIS SCHOOL HAD MOVED INTO THE SCHOOL'S CANTEEN AND WERE PREPARED TO STAY THERE UNTIL THE SITUATION HAD CLARIFIED.

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16. THE TEACHER ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD WITNESSED A SOLDIER BURNED ALIVE AT CHONGWENMEN ON JUNE 4. EMBOFF SAW THIS SAME BURNED BODY HANGING FROM AN OVERPASS AT 1700 ON JUNE 4. THE SOLDIER HAD FIRED RANDOMLY INTO A CROWD, ACCORDING TO THE TEACHER. COMMENTING ON THIS SAME INCIDENT, POLOFF'S MAID REPORTED THAT THE CROWD WAS ESPECIALLY INCENSED THAT

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AN OLD WOMAN AND CHILDREN WERE AMONG THE SOLDIER'S VICTIMS.

AIRPORT SITUATION

17. ABC NEWS INFORMED CONOFF THAT ALL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS IN AND OUT OF BEIJING WERE CANCELLED JUNE 5 AND THAT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WOULD BE CANCELLED JUNE 6. ANOTHER REPORT FROM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AT THE HOLIDAY INN LIDO HOTEL AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE WAS THAT AS OF APPROXIMATELY 1830 ALL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS HAD BEEN CANCELLED, ALL INCOMING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS HAD BEEN CANCELLED, BUT THAT OUTGOING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WERE TO LEAVE AS SCHEDULED, REPEAT OUTGOING FLIGHTS TO LEAVE AS SCHEDULED. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT THE AIRPORT, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH SO FAR. A UNITED FLIGHT FOR JUNE 5 WAS CANCELLED. IT MAY BE RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6 AM. UNITED WILL CALL US LATER. THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT REMAINED OPEN AS OF 1435 HOURS LOCAL.

REPORTS FROM CONSULATES AND XIAN

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18. CONGEN SHANGHAI REPORTED BY PHONE THAT ALL MAJOR INTERSECTIONS IN SHANGHAI ARE BARRICADED JUNE 5. ONLY A FEW PEOPLE ARE MAKING IT TO WORK. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ONLY A LIGHT SECURITY PRESENCE EVIDENT.

19. CONGEN SHENYANG REPORTED THAT CONGEN PERSONNEL WERE ADVISED JUNE 5 TO AVOID SPECIFIC AREAS IN THE CITY BECAUSE OF "DISRUPTIONS."

20. AN EXPERIENCED U.S. NATIONAL LEADING A TOUR GROUP IN XIAN ON JUNE 5 REPORTED A SMALL DEMONSTRATION THE PREVIOUS DAY WITHIN THE CITY WALLS. XIAN RESIDENTS DID NOT, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BE AWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN BEIJING.

A CASUALTY ESTIMATE

21. ABC NEWS ON JUNE 5 CITED THE CHINESE RED CROSS AS ESTIMATING THAT 2600 PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE FIGHTING. THIS FIGURE ONLY INCLUDED THOSE WHO DIED AFTER BEING HOSPITALIZED. THIS IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ESTIMATE BY EMBOFFS WHO VISITED BEIJING HOSPITALS ON JUNE 4 IN AREAS WHERE FIGHTING HAD BEEN HEAVY. THEY HAD SPECULATED THAT AT MOST SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE FIGHTING. SPECIFICS REMAIN,

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HOWEVER, DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. RUMORS CONTINUE TO SURFACE TO THE EFFECT THAT CORPSES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY AND BURNED TO KEEP THE CASUALTY FIGURES LOW. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS.
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